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Retired Faculty and Staff Newsletter
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College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences



Please join your Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff colleagues for a luncheon program that turns the spotlight on Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences.

Special guests include Dean Andy Thulin; student leader and President of the CAFES Student Council, Vanessa Alexandre (Agribusiness); and student leader and President of the Ag Ambassadors, Jake Odello (Agricultural Science). Together, they will provide a vision for Cal Poly's role in the future of agriculture, food and the environmental sciences.

The College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences is comprised of expert faculty who take pride in working with academically motivated, innovative students ready to solve the complex challenges associated with feeding the world in sustainable ways. CAFES students have access to state-of-the-art laboratories including ranchland, orchards, vineyards, and forests, all of which provide the basis for Cal Poly's Learn by Doing methodology. These living laboratories, coupled with the expertise of dedicated faculty, offer a powerful combination of rigorous academics with hands-on experience that lead to fulfilling careers.

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2015

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Rossi Grand Lobby in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center

LUNCHEON COST: \$16 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Please RSVP by April 1 to Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu.

PARKING: Reserved parking will be provided in the main campus parking structure adjacent to the Performing Arts Center.

You Should Have Been There!

Program and Reception Highlights from Cal Poly Rose Float Program on Feb. 25, 2015

Just over 50 Cal Poly retirees and guests left the February luncheon meeting saying “I had no idea it takes 14-months to design and build the Rose Float!”

Josh D’acquisto, Rose Float Advisor along with student leaders Ian Davison, Morgan Montalvo, and Jo-Annie Tran gave a fascinating and detailed presentation covering the Rose Float concept contest, design, decoration, construction, planning, fundraising, and final rendering.

Both Cal Poly and Pomona campuses hold Summer and Fall term Rose Float labs, a dedicated design week, and collaborate together on the transportation of the Rose Float pieces from San Luis Obispo to Pomona and then Pasadena.

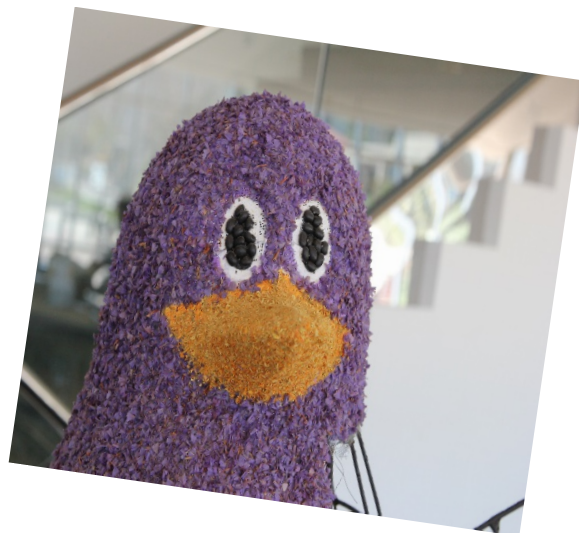
The project culminates near the end of the calendar year with decorations week, judging, the public presentation at the Rose Parade, and the inevitable deconstruction. The entire 14-month process includes an additional 25 leaders and dozens of volunteers.

This year’s entry was the universities’ 67th consecutive entry in the annual parade and for the 53rd time since 1949, earned special honors: 2015 winner of the Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy for the most beautiful non-commercial float and honored as California-grown certified for 4th consecutive year.

A very big thank you goes out to our guests for sharing their time and experiences. Keep an eye open for the Rose Float Spring Fundraiser to lend your support to this extraordinary Cal Poly experience.



Left: Tressa Giese, Eileen Amaral, and Laura Dimmitt



Right: The star of the 2015 Cal Poly Rose Float

RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2015-2017

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee chaired by immediate Past President Dr. Joe Sabol, the following slate of nominees were presented, voted on, and approved for the positions designated.

President:	Dan Howard Greene
Vice President/Program Chair:	Laura Dimmitt
Treasurer:	Gail Simmons
Secretary:	Carolyn Jones
Newsletter Editor:	Valerie Barboza
Past President:	Richard Equinoa

UPDATES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Jim Bermann (Agriculture Engineering) is a 20-year member of the SLO Sheriff's posse. Jim is also a firearm instructor for the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, an active Scout Master, frequently plays racquetball, and is a horseman.

Mary Louise Brady (Library) is having fun!

Barbara McCaleb (Architecture, Education, Ornamental Horticulture) is Treasurer of the SLO Chess Club and Director of the U.S. Chess Federation Tournament. Barbara and Donald live at the Las Brisas Retirement Community.

Donald McCaleb (Public Affairs) was named to the SLO Blues Hall of Fame (2012) and is Historian for the SLO Baseball Club.

James Neeland (Science & Mathematics) is traveling less and working in the yard more but still finds time for a fly fishing float trip in Wyoming at least once a year.

REMEMBERING FRIENDS IN PASSING

Wallace Burt (Business) passed away in February. Wallace taught Accounting after serving as a consultant and auditor for the California Department of Education.

Hazel Hunter (Staff) pass away in late January. Hazel retired from Cal Poly in the late 1980's.

Ronald Regan (Ornamental Horticulture) passed away in February. Ronald served as Department Chair from 1977 – 1991. He was responsible for integrating progressive scientific methods into the ornamental horticulture curriculum and industry accepted Nursery standards.

CAL POLY MEMORIES – WANTED!

If you have a short article about Cal Poly (like the reminiscence above) that you wish to share with the Retired Faculty and Staff Club, please submit it to Valerie Barboza at val_barboza@yahoo.com or mail to 1756 Cordova Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

CAL POLY RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF – DUES

Remember to pay your dues for the 2014-15 year that started July 1, 2014. The dues form can be downloaded from our website at www.cpretirees.org.

If you have questions about your membership, please contact Gail Simmons at gsimmons@calpoly.edu or 805-462-9148.

DUES AND NEWS FORMS

Stay up to date with fellow retirees by filling out this application today.

To pay annual dues for 2014-15, enclose your \$10 check payable to Cal Poly RF&SC. For a **Life Membership**, make your \$250 check payable to the Cal Poly Foundation. Your entire contribution supports the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment. RF&SC membership dues are from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. If you have questions, please call Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148. Please print clearly and mention the department or unit from which you retired.

Name _____ Spouse's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Email address (if you use one) _____

Check here if you do not have email and need to have the newsletter mailed to you.

Year you began at Cal Poly _____ Position/Department _____

Faculty _____ Staff _____ Year retired _____ Date today _____

Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

Mail this form and your check to Gail Simmons, 4615 San Vicente Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422.

News items may be sent to Valerie Barboza at: val_barboza@yahoo.com or 1756 Cordova Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

If interested, you may donate to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment. A \$250 donation enables you to become a lifetime member of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club. You may also wish to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone.

Enclosed is my contribution of: \$ _____

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Street _____ Telephone _____

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Donation in Honor of _____

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Please make your check payable to "Cal Poly." You may also make a future gift to the endowment by including the scholarship in your will. For more information, contact Megan Sinton at 805-756-5636.

Mail to: Megan Sinton, University Advancement, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0444

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE BY PROVIDING YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City/State) (ZIP Code)

Email Address: _____

Year Retired from Cal Poly: _____

Department/College: _____

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